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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.

5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.

7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.

9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.

10. JOBS "70" - On the Job Training including supportive services.

11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

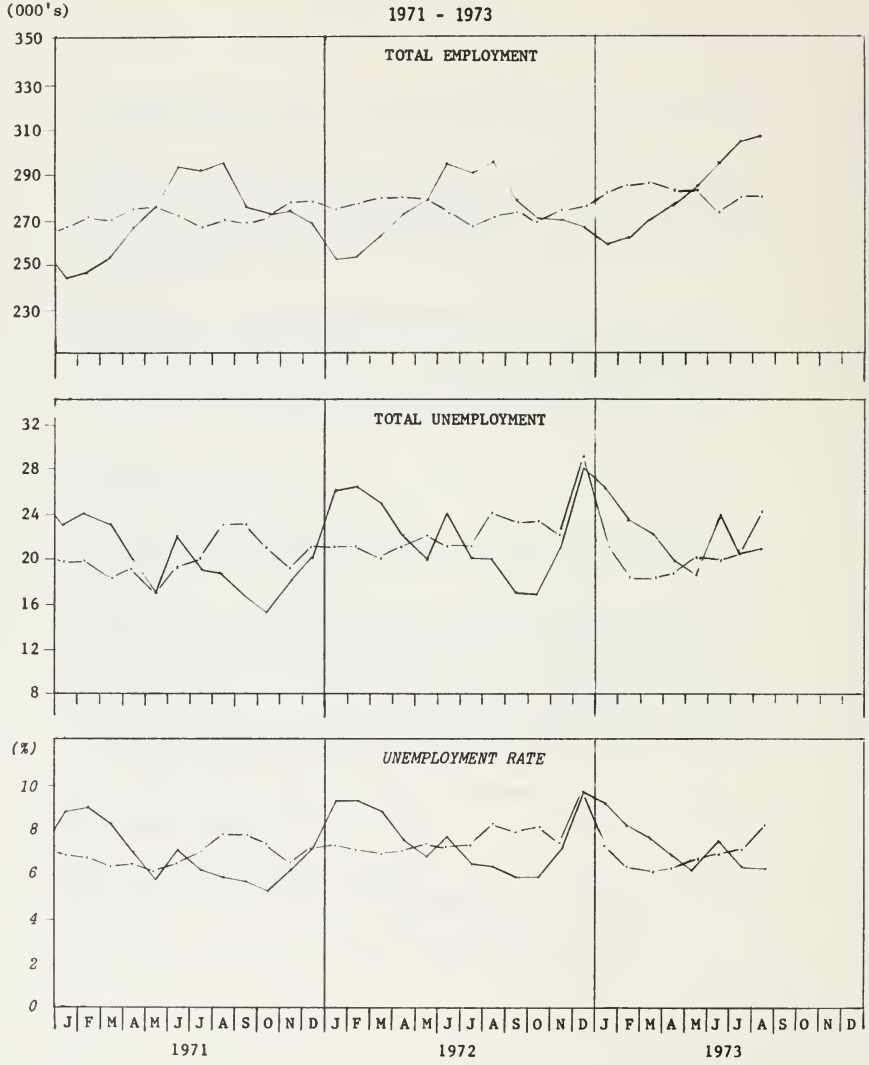
- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

AUGUST 1973

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-)

1971 - 1973



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

AUGUST 1973

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian work force in July was 324,800, an increase of 4,300 over June of this year and an increase of 11,600 from July of 1972. Total employment for July was 304,400 an increase of 8,200 over last month and increase of 12,000 over July 1972. July's unemployment rate stood at 6.3% compared to 7.4% in June of this year and 6.5% for July of 1972.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 223,400, a drop from last month's 225,000 but an increase of 5,700 from July one year ago. Total manufacturing employment for July was 25,900, an increase of 200 over June and an increase of 500 over July of 1972. Manufacturing industries showing gains over last month were primary metals and food and kindred products, while the timber and woods products industry showed a decrease.

Total nonmanufacturing for July was 197.5 thousand compared to 199.3 thousand for June and 192.3 thousand for July 1972. Industries up both from last month and from July of 1972 were: mining at 6.8 thousand employed, up 100 from June and up 600 from one year ago; contract construction at 12.1 thousand employed, up 400 from June and up 900 from a year ago; transportation and utilities at 18.6 thousand employed, up 100 from June and up 300 from July 1972; wholesale and retail trades at 56.7 thousand employed, up 400 from last month and up 3,500 from one year ago; finance, insurance and real estate at 9.2 thousand employed, up 100 from last month and up 300 from one year ago; services at 39.1 thousand employed, up 400 from last month and 400 from a year ago. The only industry to show a decrease was government at 55,000, down 3,300 from last month and down 800 from last year.

Agricultural employment for July 1973 was 52,100, an increase of 9,100 over June and an increase of 5,800 over July of 1972. The unusual hot, dry weather during July has reduced yield prospects of all grain crops. The majority of the state was affected by the lack of precipitation in July, although the eastern third received adequate early moisture and grains are still doing well there. Farmers in many of the severe drought areas, particularly the northwest, have exhausted or nearly exhausted their supplies of irrigation water for this crop year. This creates a rather serious situation for row croppers and hay producers, as soil moisture has become short in most areas. Stock-water supplies are also running short in many areas, mostly in the northern half of the state and central region.

Winter wheat harvest passed the half-way mark, reaching 60% completion by mid-August. Spring wheat was 30% harvested and barley and oats were each 35% harvested. Grain harvest overall is considerably ahead of last year and slightly ahead of normal.

The second cutting of alfalfa reached 35% completion by mid-August, while wild hay harvest reached 85% completion. Range feed supplies are mostly short except for the eastern third of the state. This shortage has caused some ranchers in the northwest to begin supplemental feeding. Some grasshopper damage to crops and ranges has been reported but is generally light. By mid-August, 20% of the cattle and calves have been moved from summer ranges because of grass and water shortage.

Aggregate production of the state's three major grains (wheat, barley and oats) is forecast at 177.7 million bushels based on August 1 conditions - down 10% from a month earlier. However, total production of these three grains is still up 2% from 1972. Acreages are up this year, but yields are lower.

Production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas of Montana for the month of June 1973 averaged 94,971 barrels daily, a decrease of 1,210 barrels from the average May production of 96,181. The nine refineries in the state processed 136,327 barrels of crude oil daily for the month of June, a decrease of 2,462 barrels from 138,789 barrels processed daily during the month of May. During June, 48 wells were completed, 3 oil, 10 gas, and 35 dry holes. During June, the commission issued 90 permits to drill new wells, a decrease of 20 from the 110 permits issued during May.

Total number of building permits during June of 1973 in Montana was 419, a decrease of 113 from June one year ago. Permit valuation for June 1973 was $9.9 million compared to $11.2 million one year ago.

Total number of bank debits for the state of Montana during June of 1973 was $1,557,260,000 as compared to $1,343,040,000 for June 1972. All Montana cities showed an increase in bank debits except Missoula which recorded a 2% decrease.

ANACONDA Business building construction is proceeding at a fast clip this summer - apparently trying to keep pace with the industrial expansion underway. A law firm is building a modern office downtown which is to be completed in October. A new fried chicken building for a national chain is expected to be completed by late August and a new supper dining club has already opened. Also underway is a 20-unit town house apartment project which should be open for occupancy by next spring. Other signs of a boom include the multi-million dollar expansion program in its second year at the smelter; re-opening of the concentrator; construction of the new arbiter copper plant; construction of the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort at Gregson, and a new ski resort at Echo Lake. In Deer Lodge work has started on an 8-unit apartment building. Bank debits in Anaconda in June 1973 were up 49% from last year. The main agricultural activities in the area have been haying, with some irrigating being done as the weather continued hot and dry.

BILLINGS Construction and service industries' employment continued at a seasonal high during the past month with shortages existing in most skilled trades and journeyman occupations in the service industries. The new 211,500 square foot postal center bids were taken and it is estimated at a cost of $1.5 million. Construction will begin about the middle of August with completion date set for January 1975. Bids were also taken on construction of a secondary sewage treatment plant with an estimated bid of about $6 million. Service, wholesale and retail industries continue at seasonal highs in the Billings area. Agricultural hiring is at a slight increase in the area with some irrigating and farm work taking place. Bank debits for June of 1973 were 22% higher than they were for June of last year.

BOZEMAN Building permits for the month of July totaled $2,435,765 as a $1,867,365 permit was purchased for married student houses that will consist of 60 living-units. Also, a $120,000 building permit was issued for the first building of a six-building complex in Bozeman. Bank debits in Bozeman during June increased 32% from the same month one year ago totaling $63,857,000, more than $15 million above June 1972. The main area agricultural activities are irrigation of meadows, hay fields and grain with wheat harvest anticipated to begin around the 20th of August.

BUTTE Permits for $145,000 worth of new construction, remodeling and house relocations were granted in July. A new chain restaurant is nearly completed and plans to open the the latter part of August. The Butte city council approved the awarding of nearly $400,000 in contracts for completion of a fire station, a paving project and a recreation park. Bank debits in Butte during June showed an increase of 8% from the same period one year ago. The main agricultural activity in the vicinity is haying in the Big Hole area.

CUT BANK Harvest is expected to start by mid-August with crop yield to be below average. The main agricultural activities during the past month has been summer fallowing, irrigation, fence repair and haying. Construction projects in Glacier County include a hospital, high school, gymnasium and a swimming pool at Cut Bank. Construction activity at Browning includes a Junior high school, a livestock sales ring, golf and race track complex, nursing home, numerous new homes, and some road construction. A local manufacturing firm has been awarded a $54,000 contract for making pencils for a railroad company. Bank debits for Cut Bank during June 1973 showed a 4% increase over June of one year ago.

DILLON Construction continues on all projects in the area such as renovation of the telephone building, a new theater building with completion set for October, a campground with completion set for September, and 45 miles of highway construction to be completed in October. Wholesale-retail and service industries remain busy with the good weather. Main agricultural activities are haying, flood irrigating and fencing.

GLASGOW Bank debits in Glasgow during June 1973 showed an increase of 28% from the same period one year ago. During the month openings were received for jobs in retail sales, restaurant and hotel work. Openings were also received for summer help placements at the Air Base. Agricultural activities during the month included haying, irrigation and harvesting.

GLENDIVE Farm activity is well underway with the harvest season. The crops are very good in the area this year and some farmers say it is the best year they have had in a long time. A new drugstore enterprise has announced that it will begin work on a new store in Glendive. Bank debits for June 1973 were 24% higher than they were one year ago.

GREAT FALLS City building in Cascade County totaled $2,627,153 during July. Boosted by million-dollar apartment complex and a $738,000 addition to a local hospital, July building valuation more than tripled that for June. Last July, total building valuation was $538,654. Also, this month city commissioners authorized approximately $140,000 worth of work on three public projects, and work continued at a rapid pace on the new $3.9 million Great Falls airport terminal building. Bank debits for June were up 2% in Great Falls from June of last year. In the agricultural field, small grains harvest has been progressing very rapidly and the bulk of winter wheat was cut by the beginning of August.

HAMILTON Hiring was good in nearly all industries with the majority noted in construction, retail trade, government, domestic service, and for harvest activities in agriculture. Employment in the logging and lumber mills in the area was fairly stable during the month with little turnover of workers noted. A boom in construction activities in the Bitterroot Valley will be kicked off in August when bids are awarded for a new highway between Lolo and Florence. In addition, bids will be called for construction of a new hospital and clinic building in Hamilton and new school buildings in Darby. No definite dates can be set on the start

HAMILTON (Cont.) of construction but it appears all the projects will be underway in October or early November. The main agricultural activities in the area are haying, irrigating and fencing.. A stand-by list for fire fighters is being compiled because of the extreme fire hazard situation in the valley.

HAVRE Outlook for employment in the nonagricultural field continued to remain good this past month. Most outside construction jobs are working with full crews as a new hospital and a new manor have been started. Wholesale-retail trade and service industries have continued to show a fair amount of activity and Main Street hiring has been good. Harvest went into full swing this month with the present supply of harvest workers meeting the demand.

HELENA Construction of buildings continues to be good as two 12-plex apartments are ready for occupancy, and another 72-unit just begun. Construction of a new discount center is on schedule which will open October 1 of this year with an anticipated 40 to 50 initial hires. Wholesale, retail and service trades remain steady as shortages were noted for waitresses, checkers and cooks. The main agricultural activities are hay and grain harvesting. Much of the crop has dried out in the area and many dry farmers are trying to salvage something from small grain plantings by cutting green and stacking for hay.

KALISPELL Construction employment remains strong and for the first time in history Kalispell has a $5 million construction year. There were 20 permits issued in July valued at $221,200. Also on the first of August a permit was issued for a 107-unit motel to be built for $763,000. Completion of the sweet cherry harvest this month idled 225 workers from the cherry warehouse and 1,200 pickers from the orchards, most of whom will move on to other states to work in the fruit harvest. Tourism continues to drop resulting in layoffs in small cafes in the Hungry Horse and West Glacier areas. Logging activity increased with the assurance to logging contractors by the Forest Service there would be no closure of the woods. A night shift was added by a local lumber company on its sawmill site providing 8 jobs. Primary agricultural activities include the grain harvest, haying and irrigating.

LEWISTOWN During the past month increased activity was noted in mining, construction and lumbering industries. New construction includes a chain restaurant, 3 metal warehouses, a business building, 2 dams and a 13.7 mile highway project east of Denton. Bank debits in Lewistown climbed 27% in June over the same month in 1972. With mining activity picking up and lumber and logging going strong, the area has had calls for miners, fallers, skidders during the past month. Wheat harvest is in full swing with no shortages of labor or machines.

LIBBY Local construction remained stable during the month with building of a bank, a real-estate and insurance building, a retail-wholesale store and a motel complex continuing on schedule. Libby dam employment decreased to 888 and more layoffs are anticipated as the project comes to a close. Logging is slow because of the woods operations being shut down due to fire hazard in the area. 25 to 30 sawyers refrained from working for a brief period during the month but settled for a 10% increase in wages on a sliding scale.

LIVINGSTON There was an increase in sawmill and logging operations in Livingston as one company opened up another branch of their mill. This created 16 new job openings. Main Street hiring has remained at an even keel during the month. Farm labor requests increased as the main activities have been haying and irrigating. Bank debits in June increased by 15% over the June 1972 debits.

MILES CITY All the major construction projects in the area are continuing according to schedule. New construction includes a chain restaurant, a motel and a drive-in restaurant. Bank debits in Miles City for June show an increase of 48% from the same period one year ago. Twenty-three building permits were issued during June with a total valuation of $59,173. Agricultural activities included winter wheat harvest which is 75% complete by mid-August, summer fallowing and some haying.

MISSOULA Building permit valuation in Missoula, aided by construction of a 12-unit $140,000 apartment complex, a new $175,000 major grocery store and a new $100,000 pancake restaurant, soared to $1,042,050 in June, more than twice the valuation in June of last year. Also, a new import car dealership building is underway and contracts have been let for Phase I of the new sewage disposal plant worth one-half million dollars with the total project being three million dollars. A new elementary school in Lolo was begun in July and will be ready for this fall school year. Main agricultural activity in the area is finishing the first cut of hay with some small grain cutting underway. There was a need for experienced woods workers during the month, both fallers and operators. Bank debits in Missoula for June were down 2% from June 1972.

POLSON Construction work remains steady, with work beginning on a new 21-unit apartment house and ground work being done on a new bank. Work also continues on the widening of a section of Highway 93, south of the city. Main Street activity has been good during the month with the tourist trade bringing additional trade into the town, and sawmill and logging work remaining steady with all crews working and with hiring being done on a replacement basis. Cherry harvest was finished in August with three warehouses completed. Most packers have left the area to return to other work.

SHELBY All industries in the area remained steady this month. All construction projects continued on schedule and mining was at normal pace with no demand for help. Wholesale and retail was steady with some call for sales persons and checkers, while there was also calls for help in the government, service, and finance industries. The main agricultural activities in the area are summer fallowing, haying and harvesting with the supply meeting the demand.

SIDNEY Plans were announced this past month for a new $600,000, 54,000 square foot shopping discount center to be located in Sidney. A new cafe just south of the city opened July 29, and remodeling of a present business structure began August 1. Construction is to start soon on an 8-plex apartment project with local contractor doing the work. Highway construction crews are working overtime in order to meet deadline on a section of two-lane highway south of Sidney. Harvest is in full swing as crops are generally very good with above average yields reported. Valley farmers are continuing irrigation at full swing as no significant moisture has been reported for the past month. In June bank debits were up 29% over June of 1972.

THOMPSON FALLS The continued drought and high fire risk in the forests have caused some layoffs in the logging industry this past month. Unless there is some rain, it is anticipated that all logging operations in the area may be affected. Employment levels in all other basic industries remained high and stable.

WOLF POINT Harvest became more widespread this month; however, supply of labor seems to be meeting demand. Retail trade openings are picking up as business firms begin to hire replacements for students. Also many job openings became available this month as government agencies hired fire-fighting crews from the area.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

Employment levels in nearly all industries will decrease during the next several months mainly due to the slow-down in outside construction activities, agriculture, and the tourist trade. The civilian work force will also show a decline with students returning to school. The unemployment rate is also expected to drop.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

July 1973

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	106	79	623
CEP	86	34	226
MDTA (Inst.)	33	26	153
JOBS	3	3	43
JOP	21	21	98
Job Corps	30	17	155

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[1/]

July 1973

Social Characteristics	*Percent* of Total Covered Unemployment
Non-White	*4.3%*
Female	*50.1%*
Youth	*11.3%*
Over 45	*32.5%*

1/ *Based on 30% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	*8.8*	*6.6*	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	*9.0*	*6.6*	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	*8.3*	*6.3*	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	*7.1*	*6.5*	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	*5.9*	*5.9*	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	*5.7*	*5.8*	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	*5.3*	*5.4*	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	*6.3*	*5.7*	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	*8.8*	*6.1*	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	*7.6*	*5.5*	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	*6.8*	*5.1*	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	*7.7*	*6.2*	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	*6.5*	*5.8*	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	*6.4*	*5.5*	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	*6.0*	*5.4*	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	*7.2*	*4.9*	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	*9.7*	*4.7*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	386.2	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	*9.2*	*5.5*	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	290.3	268.1	238.8	29.3	22.2	*7.7*	*5.2*	*
April	295.9	275.9	240.7	35.2	19.8	*6.7*	*4.8*	.2
May	302.7	284.2	245.6	38.6	18.2	*6.0*	*4.3*	.3
June	320.5	296.2	253.2	43.0	23.8	*7.4*	*5.4*	.5
July	324.8	304.4	252.3	52.1	20.4	*6.3*	*5.0*	-
August	*327.2*	*306.7*	*253.7*	*53.0*	*20.5*	*6.3*		-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	*6.8*	*8.8*	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	*7.1*	*9.0*	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*8.3*	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	*5.8*	*7.1*	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*5.8*	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*7.1*	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	*6.5*	*6.2*	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	*6.0*	*5.7*	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	*4.8*	*5.3*	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	*6.1*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	*7.6*	*9.3*	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	*7.5*	*9.3*	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*8.8*	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	*5.6*	*7.6*	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	*5.2*	*6.8*	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	*7.9*	*7.7*	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	*6.9*	*6.5*	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*6.4*	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	*6.5*	*5.9*	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	*7.4*	*7.2*	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	*8.1*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	*8.7*	*8.1*	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	*7.9*	*7.7*	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	*6.9*	*6.7*	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	*7.3*	*6.0*	*
June	34.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	3.2	*9.1*	*7.4*	-
July	34.4	31.9	29.5	2.4	2.5	*7.1*	*6.3*	-
August	*33.6*	*31.5*	*29.0*	*2.5*	*2.1*	*6.2*	*6.3*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	*6.7*	*8.8*	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	*7.2*	*9.0*	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	*7.1*	*8.3*	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	*5.6*	*7.1*	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	*4.9*	*5.8*	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	*5.8*	*6.2*	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	*5.6*	*5.9*	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	*5.4*	*5.7*	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	*4.4*	*5.3*	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	*5.8*	*6.3*	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	*6.2*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	*7.2*	*9.3*	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	*7.4*	*9.3*	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	*7.2*	*8.8*	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	*5.6*	*7.6*	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*6.8*	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	*7.0*	*7.7*	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	*5.8*	*6.4*	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	*4.8*	*5.9*	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	*6.0*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	*8.0*	*9.2*	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	*6.0*	*8.1*	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*7.7*	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*6.7*	*
May	41.9	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.2	*5.2*	*6.0*	*
June	45.2	41.9	39.3	2.6	2.9	*6.4*	*7.4*	.4
July	44.8	42.2	39.1	3.1	2.6	*5.8*	*6.3*	-
August	*44.4*	*41.9*	*39.1*	*2.8*	*2.5*	*5.6*	*6.3*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	324.8	320.5	313.2	4.3	11.6
2. Unemployment	20.4	23.8	20.4	-3.4	0
Percent of Work Force#	*6.3*	*7.4*	*6.5*	*-1.1*	*-.2*
3. Employment, Total	304.4	296.2	292.4	8.2	12.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	223.4	225.0	217.7	-1.6	5.7
MANUFACTURING	25.9	25.7	25.4	.2	.5
Durable Goods	16.7	16.8	16.7	-.1	0
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.1	9.4	8.9	-.3	.2
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.7	3.5	4.2	.2	-.5
Other Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	.3
Nondurable Goods	9.2	8.9	8.7	.3	.5
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.5	4.3	4.3	.2	.2
27 Printing and Publishing	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	.2
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	.1	.1
NONMANUFACTURING	197.5	199.3	192.3	-1.8	5.2
Mining	6.8	6.7	6.2	.1	.6
10 Metal Mining	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.1	1.1	.9	0	.2
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.8	1.7	1.6	.1	.2

Contract Construction	12.1	11.7	11.2	.4	.9
15 General Building Contractors	3.9	3.6	2.9	.3	1.0
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	-.2
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	4.1	4.1	.1	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	18.5	18.3	.1	.3
40 Railroad Transportation	6.5	6.4	6.5	.1	0
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	.1
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.9	6.9	6.7	0	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	56.7	56.3	53.2	.4	3.5
Wholesale Trade	10.8	10.9	10.4	-.1	.4
Retail Trade	45.9	45.4	42.8	.5	3.1
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.6	7.5	6.9	.1	.7
54 Food Stores	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	-.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.0	14.8	13.0	.2	2.0
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	8.8	8.6	8.3	.2	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.2	9.1	8.9	.1	.3
Services	39.1	38.7	38.7	.4	.4
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.6	6.2	6.5	.4	.1
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	.1
Other Services	17.7	17.7	17.5	0	.2
Government	55.0	58.3	55.8	-3.3	-.8
91 Federal Government	13.0	12.5	13.5	.5	-.5
92 & 93 State and Local Government	42.0	45.8	42.3	-3.8	-.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	28.9	28.2	28.4	.7	.5
(c) Agriculture	52.1	43.0	46.3	9.1	5.8
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	.5	.4	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

* *Under 50.*

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MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

JULY 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1973	July 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	34.4	34.9	33.2	-.5	1.2
2. Unemployment	2.5	3.2	2.3	-.7	.2
Percent of Work Force#	*7.1*	*9.1*	*6.9*	*-2.0*	*.2*
3. Employment, Total	31.9	31.7	30.9	.2	1.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.1	27.3	26.7	-.2	.4
MANUFACTURING	2.3	2.3	2.8	0	-.5
NONMANUFACTURING	24.8	25.0	23.9	-.2	.9
Contract Construction	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.4	5.4	5.0	0	.4
Government	5.6	5.8	5.6	-.2	0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.4	2.2	2.3	.2	.1
(c) Agriculture	2.4	2.2	1.9	.2	.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	-	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* *Under 50.*

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MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

JULY 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1973	July 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	44.8	45.2	42.7	-.4	2.1
2. Unemployment	2.6	2.9	2.6	-.3	0
Percent of Work Force#	*5.8*	*6.4*	*6.1*	*-.6*	*-.3*
3. Employment, Total	42.2	41.9	40.1	.3	2.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	34.8	35.1	33.3	-.3	1.5
MANUFACTURING	3.9	3.8	3.6	.1	.3
NONMANUFACTURING	30.9	31.3	29.7	-.4	1.2
Contract Construction	2.4	2.3	2.3	.1	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.4	3.3	3.2	.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.6	10.7	10.2	-.1	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	7.0	7.1	6.5	-.1	.5
Government	5.7	6.1	5.7	-.4	0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	4.3	4.2	4.0	.1	.3
(c) Agriculture	3.1	2.6	2.8	.5	.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	.4	*	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*

Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1972	
January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9
1973	
January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	91.3
July	98.9p
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Montana's Composite Index took a downturn in the second quarter of 1973. Final data for April, May and June displayed trends considerably lower than the respective months of one year ago. All three months were lower than the base index of 1967.

Preliminary data are not encouraging as it appears that this negative trend will continue into and possibly through the third quarter.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

Table VII

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana	Percent U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	*6.9*	*6.0*	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	*6.8*	*5.8*	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	*6.5*	*6.0*	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	*6.5*	*6.1*	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	*6.3*	*6.2*	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	*6.5*	*5.6*	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	*7.0*	*5.8*	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	*7.6*	*6.1*	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	*7.6*	*6.0*	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	*7.3*	*5.8*	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	*6.4*	*6.0*	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	*7.1*	*6.0*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	*7.3*	*5.9*	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	*6.9*	*5.9*	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	*7.0*	*5.9*	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	*7.4*	*5.9*	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	*7.3*	*5.5*	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	*8.3*	*5.6*	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	*7.9*	*5.5*	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	*8.1*	*5.5*	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	*7.4*	*5.2*	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	*9.4*	*5.1*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	*7.2*	*5.0*	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	*6.2*	*5.1*	*
March	304.9	286.7	251.4	35.3	18.2	*6.0*	*5.0*	*
April	301.0	282.1	247.1	35.0	18.7	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	302.1	282.1	245.8	36.3	19.7	*6.5*	*5.0*	.3
June	295.2	274.5	242.1	32.4	20.2	*6.8*	*4.8*	.5
July	301.0	279.8	242.3	37.5	21.2	*7.0*	*4.7*	-
August	*304.0*	*279.5*	*240.7*	*38.8*	*24.5*	*8.1*		-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table VIII

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.1	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.9	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	7.0	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	7.4	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	7.2	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	7.3	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	8.3	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	7.9	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	7.4	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	7.6	7.2	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	7.1	6.2	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	7.0	6.2	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	7.6	6.5	*
June	33.0	30.4	28.4	2.0	2.6	7.9	6.8	-
July	33.0	30.5	28.6	1.9	2.5	7.6	7.0	-
August	*32.0*	*29.6*	*28.0*	*1.6*	*2.4*	*7.5*	*8.1*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table IX

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	*5.7*	*6.9*	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	*5.8*	*6.8*	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	*5.4*	*6.5*	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	*6.0*	*7.0*	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	*6.3*	*7.6*	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	*6.4*	*7.6*	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	*6.0*	*7.3*	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	*6.4*	*6.4*	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	*6.4*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	*6.1*	*7.3*	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	*5.9*	*7.1*	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	*5.7*	*7.0*	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	*6.3*	*7.4*	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	*6.3*	*7.3*	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	*6.7*	*8.3*	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	*6.2*	*7.9*	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	*6.5*	*8.1*	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	*6.2*	*7.4*	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	*6.3*	*9.4*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	*6.8*	*7.2*	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	*4.8*	*6.2*	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	*4.3*	*6.0*	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
May	41.7	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.4	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
June	42.3	40.0	38.5	1.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.8*	-
July	43.6	41.0	38.5	2.5	2.6	*6.0*	*7.0*	-
August	*43.3*	*40.5*	*38.2*	*2.3*	*2.8*	*6.4*	*8.1*	*-6.*
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JULY 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	$140.99	$140.24	$136.89	37.2	37.1	37.3	$3.79	$3.78	$3.67
MANUFACTURING	174.34	183.47	171.63	38.4	40.5	40.1	4.54	4.53	4.28
Durable Goods	169.10	183.79	172.60	38.0	41.3	40.9	4.45	4.45	4.22
Primary Metal Industries	174.89	176.08	167.78	39.3	40.2	39.2	4.45	4.38	4.28
Nondurable Goods	188.33	183.74	170.17	39.4	38.6	37.9	4.78	4.76	4.49
Food and Kindred Products	175.09	164.42	157.80	41.1	40.2	41.2	4.26	4.09	3.83
MINING	198.63	195.46	183.92	42.9	42.4	40.6	4.63	4.61	4.53
Metal Mining	199.09	199.09	181.96	43.0	43.0	39.3	4.63	4.63	4.63
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	248.29	233.84	229.91	39.1	37.0	39.1	6.35	6.32	5.88
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	213.03	214.43	202.98	40.5	41.0	42.2	5.26	5.23	4.81
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	175.43	167.57	170.28	39.6	38.7	39.6	4.43	4.33	4.30
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113.40	111.13	108.83	36.7	36.2	35.8	3.09	3.07	3.04
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	106.96	103.78	99.83	37.4	36.8	36.3	2.86	2.82	2.75
SERVICES	87.96	87.91	86.69	33.7	33.3	33.6	2.61	2.64	2.58

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector Series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JUNE 1973

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972
MANUFACTURING	6.4	5.4	6.6	5.5	4.5	5.6	3.6	3.5	3.2	2.3	2.4	1.8	.5	.7	.7
Durable Goods	6.3	6.1	6.6	5.2	4.9	5.2	3.7	4.0	3.6	2.4	2.9	2.2	.5	.5	.6
Primary Metal Industries	6.0	4.9	3.4	4.0	2.1	2.4	1.4	2.3	2.7	.6	.7	1.6	.4	1.2	.3
Nondurable Goods	6.5	4.3	6.5	6.1	3.8	6.3	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	1.1	.7	1.0	.8
MINING	8.4	6.0	6.7	5.2	2.9	4.1	7.0	6.2	4.0	2.9	3.1	1.5	.1	.1	.6
Metal Mining	8.9	6.8	6.4	3.4	2.1	2.6	7.6	6.5	5.3	2.3	2.3	1.3	.1	.1	1.0

[4] *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

JUNE 1973

	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972
MANUFACTURING	.2	.4	.2
Durable Goods	.1	.2	.1
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.4	.6	.3
MINING	1.5	1.7	.1

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

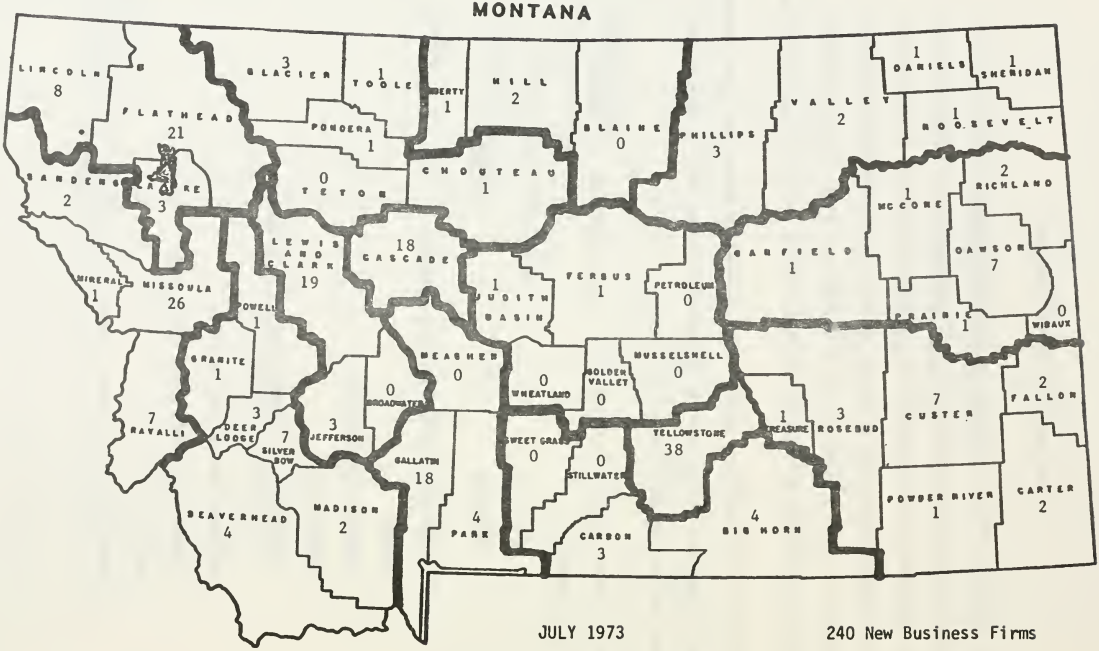
New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of July, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in July by industry:

Industry	Number
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	22
MINING	2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36
MANUFACTURING	15
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	11
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	53
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	20
SERVICES	81
TOTAL	240

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS
IN
MONTANA



JULY 1973

240 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
Toole

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